



CAPTAIN ALEXANDER STEWART MARTIN, USMCR

Capt Alexander S. Martin was raised in San Diego, California. He attended La Jolla Senior High School and graduated from the United States Naval Academy with Merit with a Bachelor of Science in History.

Captain Martin's past assignments include: Rifle Platoon Commander, 81MM Platoon Commander, Mobile Assault Platoon Commander, and Weapons Company Executive Officer with 3rd Battalion 1st Marines. From 2005-2008 he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom III and the Surge of 2007. In 2008 he was selected to join 1st Recon Battalion, where he served as Reconnaissance Platoon Commander, leading reconnaissance and surveillance operations in northern Iraq. In 2009 he was selected to join 1st Force Reconnaissance Company.

From 2009 to 2010 he served as the Force Recon Platoon Commander for the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit where he served as principle deep reconnaissance advisor to the Task Force Commander and as Detachment Officer in Charge for Maritime Assault Force Theater Security Cooperation training in the Maldives, Bahrain, Jordan, Yemen and Saudi Arabia. He was the 15th MEU's Maritime Raid Force, Assault Force Commander – which was the Marine Corps' counter-piracy 'proof of concept'. On September 9th 2010 he led the assault of the pirated Motor Vessel Magellan Star in the Gulf of Aden, apprehending 9 Somalian pirates and rescuing 11 hostages.

Following his fourth tour of duty as a platoon commander, Capt Martin served as 1st Force Recon's Executive Officer until leaving active duty service this past June. In 2011 he left active duty and founded a private maritime security concern, Skye Maritime. He is currently the President of Skye.

His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "V", the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Marine Corps Parachutist and Combatant Diver badges. He is also a contributing columnist for the Naval Institute's blog and has been published multiple times in *Proceedings Magazine*.